

# House File 2601 - Enrolled

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AN ACT

PROVIDING FOR THE STATE INTERAGENCY MISSOURI RIVER AUTHORITY.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

Section 1. Section 28L.1, Code 2007, is amended to read as follows:

28L.1 STATE INTERAGENCY MISSOURI RIVER AUTHORITY CREATED  
== DUTIES.

1. A state interagency Missouri river authority is created. The members of the authority shall include the governor or the governor's designee, the secretary of agriculture or the secretary's designee, the chairperson of the utilities board or the chairperson's designee, and the directors of the department of natural resources, the state department of transportation, and the department of economic development or the directors' designees. The governor shall serve as chairperson. The director of the department of natural resources or the director's designee shall serve as the coordinator of the authority's activities and shall serve as chairperson in the absence of the governor.

2. The authority shall be responsible for representing the interests of this state with regard to its membership in the Missouri river ~~basin~~ association of states and tribes and to promote the management of the Missouri river in a manner that does not negatively impact landowners along the river or negatively impact the state's economy, and in a manner that positively impacts this state's many interests along, in, and on the river. The Missouri river ~~basin~~ association of states and tribes is an interstate association of government representatives formed to seek consensus solutions to issues impacting the Missouri river basin.

3. The director of the department of natural resources or the director's designee shall coordinate regular meetings of the state interagency Missouri river authority to determine the state's position before any meeting of the Missouri river association of states and tribes or before a substantive proposal or action is voted upon at such meeting. The members of the state interagency Missouri river authority shall attempt to achieve consensus on the state's position regarding any substantive proposal or action being considered by the Missouri river association of states and tribes. Regardless of whether a consensus can be achieved, a vote of the members shall be taken. The state interagency Missouri river authority shall not vote to approve or disapprove a substantive proposal or action being considered by the Missouri river ~~basin~~ association of states and tribes without the ~~agreement~~ approval of the directors of all four state departments and the chairperson of the utilities board who are a majority of the members of the authority. If a substantive proposal or action considered by the association is not approved or disapproved by all four directors and the chairperson of the utilities board, the state shall abstain from voting on the proposal or action. The director of the department of natural resources or the director's designee shall cast the votes for the state interagency Missouri river authority that are reflective of the position of the authority.

4. The state interagency Missouri river authority shall ~~meet regularly with~~ seek input from stakeholder groups in this state to receive their recommendations before substantive proposals or actions are voted upon or to receive policy positions to submit to the Missouri river basin association with regard to issues impacting the Missouri river basin.

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PATRICK J. MURPHY  
Speaker of the House

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JOHN P. KIBBIE  
President of the Senate

I hereby certify that this bill originated in the House and  
is known as House File 2601, Eighty-second General Assembly.

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MARK BRANDSGARD  
Chief Clerk of the House

Approved \_\_\_\_\_, 2008

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CHESTER J. CULVER  
Governor